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Information Disclosure Statement

It is requested that the Information Disclosure Statement and the references cited therein filed August 17, 2004 be considered. This is the document dated August 20, 2004 in the PAIR system.

Arguments

Claims 5-7 are combined into claim 1. Claims 5-7 are canceled and the dependent claims amended to reflect this amendment and to remove redundancies.

The Examiner rejects the claims as being anticipated by Takeshi et al, based on a machine translation thereof. The examiner reasons that the cited reference discloses a projecting film made of inorganic material (machine translation paragraph 14), and fluoro alkyl silane as one of the inorganic materials (machine translation paragraph 14).

Unfortunately, the original Japanese specification corresponding to the above machine translation part is too ambiguous for the Japanese to understand. However, the cited

reference clearly discloses in the Examples that a water-repellent oil-repellent liquid is made of the inorganic materials is applied on a surface having the concave convex (machine translation paragraphs 57-58), and further the convex surface is made of oxide film formed on a glass substrate (machine translation paragraph 56).

Therefore, it is submitted that the cited reference neither discloses nor suggests a projecting film made of the inorganic materials.

Applicants traverse the Examiner's opinion as noted above and in the following, especially due to the fact that the projecting film disclosed in the cited reference is an oxide film which is not made of inorganic materials.

The third paragraph of item 5 in the First Official Action The Examiner states that the cited reference discloses the film has an average surface roughness Ra in the range of 20 to 200 nm, and Rmax in a range of 1.5 μ m (1500 nm) (machine translation paragraph 16), therefore the projecting parts are deemed, by the examiner, to have a diameter larger than a wavelength of visible light.

However, the cited reference in fact, in the same paragraph 16, discloses that the convex surface Ra is in the range of 2-20 nm and the convex surface Rmax is in the range of 5-60 nm. Therefore, the cited reference neither discloses nor suggests that the projecting parts of the convex surface have a diameter larger than a wavelength of visible light.

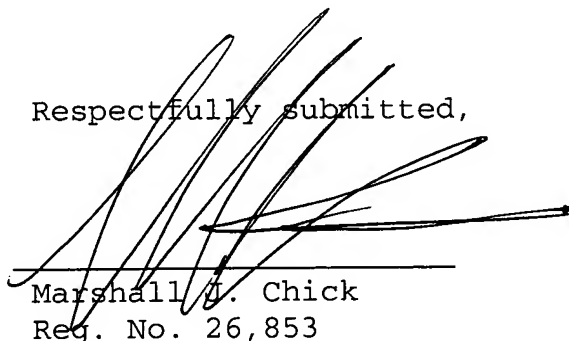
In view of the above, it is submitted that the invention is not shown by the cited art.

Reconsideration is requested. Allowance is solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

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